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The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ An exhaustive enquiry has been made, Sir, and the Retrenchment Committee have formulated their general conclusions. I hoped that we should have been able to present the final conclusions before this time, but owing to the fact that, with a view to retrenchment, we are employing the same officer as Retrenchment Secretary and as one of our representatives in the Imperial Assembly, it has not been possible to push through the work. I am hoping that he may be able to come down between the sittings of the Assembly to give us the benefit of his further conclusions which he is still working at in Delhi.”

Government assistance to repatriated Indians.

769 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during the current official year the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the assistance to be afforded by them to the Colony-returned Indians;

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken to provide facilities for the resettlement in this province of repatriated Indians; and

(c) what the number is of such repatriated Indians for whom they have procured employment during the current official year and what the proportion is of men thus provided to those who are still in need of employment?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Commissioner of Labour is entrusted with the duty of attempting to provide repatriated Indians with employment wherever necessary. No other steps on the part of Government have been found necessary.

(c) The Government have no information as to the exact number of persons for whom employment has been procured during the current official year but no cases of repatriated Indians who are in need of employment have come to their notice.

Revision of the scheme of Government technical examinations.

770 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state if and when the Committee appointed to revise the scheme of the Government Technical Examination has submitted its report?

A.—The report was submitted to Government in November last.

Ceded districts representation in the various departments.

771 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table statistics as they stood on 31st March 1922 for the Ceded districts under the following heads:—

(1) the total number of vacancies on Rs. 50 and above in the Revenue, Judicial, Educational and Police departments;

(2) the number of such vacancies filled up (a) by bona fide natives of the Ceded districts and (b) by others not coming under (a);

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(3) the number of men from the Ceded districts in Government service outside the Ceded districts in this Presidency ; and

(4) the reasons for the dearth of natives of the Ceded districts in the several posts ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI :—“ With reference to the answer to question No. 771, I rise to ask whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I am afraid I cannot accept the suggestion.”

Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI :—“ Sir, I wish an answer from the other Member of Government.”

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ The other Member says ditto.”

Mr. V. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—“ Then, Sir, are the Government incapable of giving any reply ?”

Christian representation in the Sivaganga estate establishments.

772 Q.—Mr. R. K. SHANMUKHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of Christian officers and clerks employed in the Sivaganga estate after the advent of the present Estate Collector ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Employment of natives of Ceded districts in the Education Department.

773 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no native of the Ceded districts has been taken from the Sub-Assistants cadre into the Madras Provincial Educational Service within the last two years, and that outsiders have been freely imported into the said districts ; and

(b) what are the reasons for this supersession ?

A.—(a) The answer to the first part is in the affirmative. As to the second part, two Telugu officers were appointed as Assistant Inspectors in the Ceded districts in the Madras Educational Service which is a Provincial cadre.

(b) There was no supersession.

APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 768 asked by the Raja of Ramnad at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd February 1923, page 1562 supra.]

List of extra officers employed in the Secretariat after 1st April 1922, with the special nature of their work and pay.

Name of officer.	Posts held and pay.	Special nature of the work on which employed.
(a) Mr. B. Rama Rao, Deputy Secretary, Local Self-Government Department (temporary). L.C.S.	Pay according to superior time-scale <i>plus</i> special pay of Rs. 200.	To cope with the increase of work in the Local Self-Government Secretariat.